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1. DURING PAST SEVERAL DAYS, PANAM REP BUENOS AIRES HAS BEEN SEEKING ON URGENT BASIS FULL DNTAC APPROVAL FOR SIX BACK-TO-BACK ROUND-TRIP CHARTERS REQUESTED IN APRIL, JULY AND OCTOBER FILINGS. PANAM REP WAS FIRST TOLD THAT PERMISSION COULD BE GRANTED FOR LOS ANGELES TO BUENOS AIRES CHARTER FLIGHTS, BUT THAT ACCORDING TO NEW REGULATIONS (EMBASSY SEEKING COPY) CHARTER FLIGHTS BUENOS AIRES TO LOS ANGELES MUST FIRST BE OFFERED TO AEROLINEAS AND WOULD ONLY BE AUTHORIZED FOR PANAM IF AEROLINEAS REFUSED. THIS OFFER BY GOA OF COURSE WAS COMPLETELY UNSATISFACTORY.

2. ON RECEIPT REFTEL, CHARGE SPOKE WITH TETTAMANTI URGING GOA CONSIDER MEETING FULL PANAM REQUEST. AFTER INTER-AGENCY CONSULTATIONS, GOA OFFICIALS OFFERED IMMEDIATE PERMISSION FOR PANAM TO MAKE ONE INITIAL ROUND TRIP FLIGHT, WITH PASSENGERS BOTH WAYS, LEAVING LATER FLIGHTS FOR LATER DECISION. CHARGE AND PANAM REP POINTED OUT THIS WAS NOT FEASIBLE RESOLUTION OF MATTER BECAUSE IT PROMISED TO LEAVE BOTH SOUTH BOUND AND NORTHBOUND TOUR SEGMENTS STRANDED AT

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RESPECTIVE FIRST LEG TERMINUS OF ROUNDTRIP FLIGHT.

3. AFTER FURTHER DISCUSSIONS FONOFF OFFICIALS HAVE GIVEN ORAL ASSURANCE TO PANAM THAT IT CAN MAKE AN INITIAL ROUNDTRIP FLIGHT ON DEC 1 AND 2 AND WILL BE ALLOWED TO MAKE A CORRESPONDING ROUNDTRIP ON DEC 28 AND 29 WHICH WILL RETURN PASSENGERS OF FIRST FLIGHTS TO THEIR PLACES OF ORIGIN. PANAM'S REP IN BUENOS AIRES HAS CONSULTED WITH COMPANY OFFICES AND WE UNDERSTAND PANAM IS PROCEEDING ON BASIS FONOFF ORAL ASSURANCES.

4. ABOVE ARRANGEMENT TAKES CARE OF ONE THIRD OF PANAMS OUTSTANDING REQUEST. DNTAC DIRECTOR, BRIGADIER NEME, IS NOT IN BUENOS AIRES AT PRESENT TIME. HIS SUBORDINATES AND FONOFF UNWILLING TO PROCEED WITH CONSIDERATION REMAINDER PANAM REQUEST UNTIL DIRECTOR CAN BE CONSULTED, AT EARLIEST DEC 3. WE WILL INFORM ASAP CONCERNING OUTCOME THESE CONSULTATIONS AND WITH REGARD TO REPORTED NEW DNTAC REGULATIONS GOVERNING CHARGER FLIGHTS.
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